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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, UN, RQ
SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: PUERTO RIKO
AREF : (A) STATE 149330, (B) STATE 049329

1. I TOOK OCCASION OF FAREWELL CALL ON PRIMEMIN ARRON, WHO ALSO SERVES AS FORNMIN, TO SEEK GOS SUPPORT OF OUR EFFORTS DEFEAT INTERNATIONAL CUBAN CAMPAIGN TO UNDERMINE PUERTO RICAN STATUS, LEGITIMIZE PRNLM, AND RESTORE PUERTO RICO TO UNGA LIST OF NON-SELF GOVERNING TERRITORIES. APPROACH, DRAWN FROM REFTELS, WAS ALSO EDUCATIVE SINCE ARRON HAS NOT STUDIED ISSUE CLOSELY THOUGH AWARE OF CAMPAIGN.

2. ARRON REACTED POSITIVELY TO DEMARCHE, PERIODICALLY NODDING AGREEMENT, AND WAS PARTICULARLY RECEPTIVE TO POINTS THAT PUERTO RICO HAS REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED THROUGH FREE VOTE ITS DESIRES REGARDING POLITICAL STATUS, THAT IT IS FOR PR, FOR CTE OF 24 OR OTHER NON-US ORGAN, TO DECIDE PUERTO RICAN FUTURE, THAT USG READY TO SUPPORT PR INDEPENDENCE IF EVER COMMONWEALTH SO OPTS, AND THAT WE VIEW CUBAN CAMPAIGN OBJECT-IVES AS GROSS INTERVENTION OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

3. PRIMEMIN RESPONDED THAT CUBANS SEEM VERY ACTIVE" IN HEMI-SPHERE AND THAT "WE ARE NOT GOING TO SUPPORT INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES ANYMORE THAN WE WANT INTER-
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FERENCE IN SURINAM'S AFFAIRS.".

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4. COMMENT: AS LEADERS OF NEW, SMALL, DEMOCRATIC NATION, ARRON AND MOST OF CABINET VIEW MORE RADICAL ASSOCIATES IN THIRD WORLD AND G-77 WITH DEEP RESERVE. GIVEN ARRON'S INITIAL REACTION TO OUR REPRESENTATIONS ON PUERTO RICO, I FEEL FAIRLY CERTAIN THAT GOS WILL RESIST BLANDISHMENTS OF CUBA OR ITS SURROGATES ON THIS QUESTION IF USG VIEWS KEPT BEFORE RIGHT GOS LEADERS.
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